

PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 5038-0293

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Andrew T. Wilson

Serial No.: 10/684,167

Filed: October 10, 2003

Examiner: Jeffrey Donels

Group Art Unit: 2832

Confirmation No.: 2311

Title: PORTABLE HAND-HELD SYNTHESIZER AND NETWORKING
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Date: December 28, 2009

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment, mailed November 24, 2009, be withdrawn on the basis that the Applicant timely filed a Request for Rehearing under 37 CFR 41.52 on November 23, 2009.

Background

A Decision on Appeal before the BPAI was mailed September 22, 2009 affirming the Examiner's final rejection of Claims 1 and 3-30. *See* page 1 of Decision on Appeal (attached as Exhibit A). According to 37 CFR 41.52(a)(1), appellant may file a request for rehearing within two months of the date of the original decision of the board. Applicant (Appellant) filed a Request for Rehearing under 37 CFR 41.52 on November 23, 2009. *See* Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt (attached as Exhibit B) and Request for Rehearing (attached as Exhibit C).

According to 37 CFR 1.7(a), when the day for taking action falls on Sunday, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day. Since the two-month date for responding to the Decision on Appeal fell on Sunday, November 22, 2009, the Request for Rehearing was timely filed on Monday, November 23, 2009 and the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn.

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte ANDREW T. WILSON

Appeal 2009-003616¹
Application 10/684,167
Technology Center 2800

Decided: September 22, 2009

Before JOHN C. MARTIN, JOSEPH F. RUGGIERO, and
ROBERT E. NAPPI, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MARTIN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION ON APPEAL

¹ The real party in interest is Intel Corporation. Br. 1.

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Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt

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Application Number:	10684167
International Application Number:	
Confirmation Number:	2311
Title of Invention:	Portable hand-held music synthesizer and networking method and apparatus
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Andrew T. Wilson
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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 5038-293

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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REQUEST FOR REHEARING UNDER 37 CFR 41.52

This Request for Rehearing is responsive to the Decision on Appeal (hereinafter, the "Decision") from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter, the "Board") mailed September 22, 2009.

The Factual Basis Applied in Affirming the Rejection is Incorrect

Affirming the rejection of claims 11-15 and 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Board alleges that U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 20023/0121401 to Ito (hereinafter, "Ito") discloses wherein "*each* of musical instruments 10, 20, and 30 and mixer apparatus 40 can be implemented with apparatus like that depicted in Figure 3 (Id. at ¶ 0041), which includes, ... a mixing circuit 82...." (*emphasis in original*) See Decision at page 13. Thus, in order for the Board's affirmation of the rejection of claims 11-15 and 27-30 to be correct, Ito must actually

teach wherein *each* of musical instruments 10, 20, and 30 and mixer apparatus 40 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 of Ito include the mixing circuit 82 shown in FIG. 3 of Ito. For reasons discussed below, Ito does not, in fact, teach that which the Board alleges.

Specifically, paragraph 0041 of Ito reads:

Next, one embodiment of the electronic musical instruments used as the aforesaid music apparatus 10, 20 and a mixer apparatus of electronic musical instrument function incorporating type used as mixer apparatus 40 will be described with reference to FIG. 3.

This paragraph simply states that the electronic musical instruments 10, 20 and 30 and mixer apparatus 40 of Ito, which are shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, will be described with respect to FIG. 3. The fact that the electronic musical instruments 10, 20 and 30 and mixer apparatus 40 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 can be described with respect to FIG. 3 does not mean that the electronic musical instruments 10, 20 and 30 and mixer apparatus 40 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 can be described with respect to FIG. 3 does not mean that the electronic musical instruments 10, 20 and 30 and mixer apparatus 40, when taken individually, *must necessarily* include all of the components shown in FIG. 3 (including the mixing circuit 82). Indeed, upon reading paragraphs 0041-0052 of Ito, it is possible to conclude that the electronic musical instruments 10, 20 and 30 and mixer apparatus 40, *only when taken collectively*, include all of the components shown in FIG. 3 (but when taken individually include only some of the components shown in FIG. 3).

For example, paragraph 0048 of Ito describes the relationship of musical instrument 10 shown in FIG. 2 and the apparatus shown in FIG. 3 by mapping all of the components of musical instrument 10 shown in FIG. 2 to only some of the components shown in FIG. 3. Nothing in paragraph 0048 of Ito, or in any other portion of Ito actually states that the musical instrument 10 shown in FIG. 2 includes the mixing circuit 82 shown in FIG. 3. Similarly, paragraph 0049 of Ito describes the relationship of musical instrument 20 shown in FIG. 2 and the apparatus shown in FIG. 3 by mapping all of the components of musical instrument 20 shown in FIG. 2 to only some of the components shown in FIG. 3. Nothing in paragraph 0049 of Ito, or in any other portion of Ito actually states that the musical instrument 20 shown in FIG. 2 includes the mixing circuit 82 shown in FIG. 3. Lastly, paragraph 0050 of Ito describes the relationship of mixer apparatus 40 shown in FIG. 2 and the apparatus shown in FIG. 3 by mapping all of the components of mixer apparatus 40 shown in FIG. 2 to only some of the components shown in FIG. 3, including the mixing circuit 82.

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In view of the above, upon considering the teachings of Ito in their entirety, Appellant submits that only mixer apparatus 40 – *not* the electronic musical instruments 10, 20 and 30 – includes the mixing circuit 82 shown in FIG. 3. As such, Appellant submits Ito does not teach wherein *each* of musical instruments 10, 20, and 30 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 actually includes the mixing circuit 82 shown in FIG. 3. Because Ito does not teach wherein *each* of musical instruments 10, 20, and 30 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 actually includes the mixing circuit 82 shown in FIG. 3, the Boards affirmation of the rejection of claims 11-15 and 27-30 should be withdrawn.

The Legal Basis Applied in Affirming the Rejection is Incorrect

Remand Requested

As discussed above, the Board relied upon a factually incorrect interpretation of the teachings surrounding FIG. 3 of Ito to affirm the rejection of claims 11-15 and 27-30. The Board acknowledges that this interpretation is different from the interpretation presented by the examiner during prosecution. *See, e.g., Decision* at pages 11-12. The fact that the interpretation given to Ito in the Decision is different from that presented by the examiner during rejection means that the grounds for affirming the rejection of claims 11-15 and 27-30 is “new.” See, e.g., MPEP 707.07(f), Form Paragraph 7.38.02, note 4, instructing the examiner to “insert the new ground(s) of rejection, e.g., *different interpretation of the previously applied reference*, newly found prior art reference(s), and provide an explanation of the rejection.” (*emphasis added*)

CONCLUSION

Appellant requests that the rejection of claims 11-15 and 27-30 be reversed.

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